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1. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED REVISED VERSION (WITH CHANGES IN ALL BUT PARAS I, III, AND VIII) OF PROPOSED ECONAD'S WORK PROGRAM (ED/EC/75/53 (REVISED)), AMENDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF MEMBER COMMENTS TO DATE. THE ONLY COMMENT NOT REFLECTED IS THE FRENCH STATEMENT, ON INSTRUCTIONS, AT SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING THAT THE PROGRAM WAS TOO EXTENSIVE AND SHOULD PERHAPS BE TRIMMED. TEXT OF PERTINENT PORTION FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

(I) OCTOBER 1975

EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON ALLIED COUNTRIES DEFENCE  
EXPENDITURES

THE MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT IS SHCEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

(II) NOVEMBER 1975

EAST-WEST TRADE AND THE ROLE OF THE JOINT  
COMMISSIONS  
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HIGH OFFICIALS FROM ALLIED CAPITALS, WHO PARTICI-  
PATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONS  
CREATED TO FOSTER TRADE WITH THE USSR AND OTHER  
COMECON COUNTRIES, COULD MEET IN BRUSSELS WITH THE

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EXAMINE FUTURE TRENDS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO EXPORT CREDITS AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF EASTERN COUNTRIES.

A MEETING COULD BE HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER.

(III) DECEMBER 1975

CONSIDERATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CSCE - BASKET II AND POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP BY NATO

A MEETING COULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH, OR THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER.

(IV) JANUARY 1976

INFLATION PROBLEMS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR

A SPECIAL MEETING COULD BE HELD ON 15TH JANUARY.

(V) FEBRUARY 1976

ECONOMIC TRENDS IN CHINA

SINCE THE LAST DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS DATES BACK TO 1973, A SPECIAL MEETING COULD BE ORGANIZED FOR THE 26TH FEBRUARY.

(VI) MARCH 1976

SOVIET DEFENCE EXPENDITURES

A FURTHER MEETING WITH THE EXPERTS COULD BE HELD ON 11TH MARCH.

EAST/WEST TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT A SYMPOSIUM WHICH WILL PROBABLY TAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF MARCH.

(VII) APRIL 1976

THE ENERGY SITUATION IN THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES OVER THE PERIOD 1976-1960

THE COMMITTEE'S LAST DETAILED STUDY ON THE ENERGY SITUATION IN THE USSR DATES BACK TO END 1971 (C-M(72)2). THIS ISSUE DESERVES FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE. A MEETING WITH EXPERTS COULD BE ORGANIZED FOR THURSDAY, 8TH APRIL.

(VIII) MAY 1976

POPULATION TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EAST  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

IN THE MEDIUM TERM, THERE WILL BE ACUTE MANPOWER  
PROBLEMS IN THE SOVIET UNION AS THERE ARE ALREADY  
IN THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IT WOULD BE  
PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE, THEREFORE, TO UNDERTAKE  
A NEW STUDY OF POPULATION TRENDS IN THE WARSAW  
PACT COUNTRIES. THIS COULD BE DONE ON THE 13TH  
AND 14TH MAY, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS.

(IX) JUNE 1976

THE SOVIET ECONOMY

THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT MADE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY  
OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IT WOULD  
BE ADVISABLE, THEREFORE, FOR IT TO SPEND TWO DAYS  
ON CONSIDERATION OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY IN THE  
LIGHT OF THE TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN OBJECTIVES.  
SPECIAL ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO THE AGRICUL-  
TURAL SITUATION IN THE USSR. THIS SPECIAL MEETING  
COULD BE HELD ON THE 3RD AND 4TH JUNE.

RECENT ECONOMIC TRENDS IN POLAND, ROMANIA AND  
BULGARIA

THE REVIEW, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS,  
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COULD BE HELD ON THE 17TH JUNE.

(X) JULY 1976

THE COMECON AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ECONOMIC  
INTEGRATION

A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE PART PLAYED BY COMECON,  
AS AN ORGANIZATION, IN THE APPLICATION OF THE  
WARSAW PACT COUNTRY FIVE-YEAR PLANS COULD PROFIT-  
ABLY BE UNDERTAKEN. A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THIS  
PURPOSE COULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 8TH JULY.

END TEXT.

2. SUGGESTED JUNE 3/4 SCHEDULING OF MEETING ON SOVIET ECONOMY  
WOULD MEAN THAT BASIC US PAPER SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO USNATO  
NOT MUCH LATER THAN MAY 1 TO PERMIT TRANSLATION, REPRODUCTION,  
AND DISSEMINATION TO CAPITALS FOR STUDY THERE. PLEASE ADVISE  
WHETHER THIS TIMING CAN BE MET.

3. WHILE PARA 2, REF (A), DID NOT DIRECT ITSELF TO EXCHANGE

OF EXPERIENCES ON "JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS", WE WILL NEED  
EARLY GUIDANCE (I.E., PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING) WHETHER US  
WILL BE PREPARED TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NOVEMBER  
EB MEETING SUGGESTED IN PARA II. EWT, BEWT, AND TREASURY  
MAY HAVE CANDIDATES. WE HAVE OUR DOUBTS THAT IT WILL BE  
FEASIBLE FOR OTHERS AS WELL TO ARRANGE A MEETING  
OF THIS NATURE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE BUT REQUEST WASHINGTON  
VIEWS.

4. NOTE: THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED PRIOR TO SEPT. 11 ECONADS  
MEETING. WE WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP MESSAGE IF THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT  
DEVELOPMENTS.BRUCE

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